

Meet the Office of State Fire Marshal

Oregon Fire Code Advisory Board

MISSION STATEMENT

To make recommendations on Oregon Fire Code issues to the State Fire Marshal, and to provide advice and guidance on issues of code enforcement, regional disputes, policies, and emerging topics that affect the fire protection and life safety of Oregonians.



**OFMA
Representative**

Jason Bolen began as a volunteer with Lebanon Fire in 1994 and hired as career in 1996. He currently is Division Chief of Fire & Life Safety and Lebanon's Fire Marshal.

Chief Bolen attended University of California at Santa Barbara and Chemeketa CC. Chief Bolen has extensive involvement with numerous civic organizations in and around Lebanon and serves on a number of state committees including the Governor's Fire Service Policy council, the Oregon Fire Code Advisory Board and Officer of the Oregon Fire Marshal's Association. He is current Lebanon City Council President and formerly president of Lebanon Professional Firefighter's Union, Local 2163.

Chief Bolen and his wife have two daughters and enjoy traveling, camping, and exploring the state.

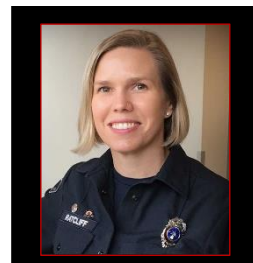


**Public/Business
Representative**

Eric Cutler started his insurance career in 1988 after serving in the US Army. His career details a steady progression of leadership roles through the years. He is also involved with the Northwest Insurance Council, served on Oregon Governor's Wildfire Council, past Chairman of the Oregon Fair Plan and serves on the Oregon DFR Insurance Advisory Committee as well as the Oregon Fire Code Advisory Board.

Mr. Cutler graduated cum laude and holds his bachelors degree from the University of Idaho. He holds industry designations including Healthcare Compliance Professional.

He is civic and service minded, a devoted father and husband, and an avid fly fisherman.



**Public/OFMA
Representative**

Lora Ratcliff began as residential plans examiner for Marion County Building in 2007. Lora took on new responsibilities in 2010 while she juggled volunteering with Corvallis fire and working as Permit Technician with City of Corvallis.

In 2012 she was hired at Albany Fire as Deputy Fire Marshal. In 2019 she was promoted to Division Chief - Fire Marshal.

Chief Ratcliff obtained her AAS in Building Inspection Technologies in 2007, her AAS in Fire Prevention in 2012 and is currently enrolled in Eastern Oregon University's Bachelor program with sights on obtaining her Master degree in Executive Fire Administration through Arizona State.



**Design Professional
Representative**

Joe Ripp has over 20 years experience designing fire alarm systems. His time spent in the contracting industry has given him a well rounded perspective on fire alarm design, including the plans review process.

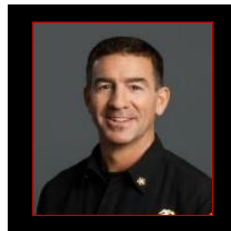
He also has extensive knowledge and understanding of standards and the development of codes through his involvement with the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) and the Oregon Fire Code Committee.



**BCD
Representative**

Richard Rogers has a diverse background in both residential and commercial construction. In 2000 he transitioned to the 'regulatory side' employed by Oregon Building Codes Division as fire, life safety and ADA code specialist.

In 2002, as Structural Program Chief, his responsibilities included dispute resolution and oversight of Oregon's structural, residential, mechanical and energy codes. Richard's current role as 'Chief Building Official' has an emphasis on providing general oversight and direction in carrying out goals of uniformity, consistency and predictability in the administration and enforcement of the statewide building code.



**OFCA
Representative**

Deric Weiss has been the fire chief of Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue since 2019. He leads Oregon's largest fire district that serves more than 530,000. Chief Weiss volunteered as an intern before hiring on as firefighter in 1994 and has held multiple ranks throughout the years at TVFR.

Chief Weiss has a Bachelor of Science degree in fire service administration and holds numerous certifications in emergency operations, and is an Oregon certified EMT. Chief Weiss serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Oregon Fire Chief's Association.

During his free time, Chief Weiss spends time with his wife and two daughters. He is an avid runner and golfer.



**OBOA
Representative**

Amy Williams has been with the City of Hillsboro Building Department for almost 10 years, currently as Building Official/Director.


She is involved with the Oregon Building Officials Association, Board of Directors as Secretary/Treasurer and Chair of the Education Committee. She also participates in the Legislative and the Outreach Committee. Ms Williams is a member of the International Code Council, and was appointed to the first Technology Committee that introduced the roll out of their electronic voting tool cdpACCESS. 'I am a life long learner and love to be challenged'.

Her biggest joy in life is being mom to 3 children and her German Shepherd puppy. 'Life is busy, chaotic and usually messy and sticky and I wouldn't change it for the world!'



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